GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Vizianagaram District – Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal and now retired – Departmental proceedings initiated – Article of charges issued against him for irregular changes in webland – Inquiry conducted – report communicated – Further explanation submitted – Provisional decision to impose a penalty of 'withholding of 25% monthly pension permanently' – SCN under rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980 – Explanation submitted- Punishment imposed – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 592 Dated: 03-09-2024

Read :

1. From the CCLA, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.VS- II(2)/25/2019, Dt:23.03.2022 (received through File bearing No. REV02-28/12/2019-VIGILANCE II SEC-CCLA).
2. Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/24/2022-Vig.III(2) Dt:15.05.2023
3. Enquiry report dt:16.08.2023 of Inquiry officer & Project Manager (CMRO), O/o CCLA, A.P., Mangalagiri.
4.Govt.Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/24/2022- Vig.III(2), Dt:15.12.2023
5. From the District Collector, Vizianagaram, Lr.Rc.No.2892/2015/A7,Dt:17.01.2024 along with the explanation dt: 18.01.2024 of Sri D.Bapiraju,Tahsildar (Retd)
6. Memo.No.REV01-LANA0CCLV(DISC)/24/2022-Vig.III(2) Dt:02.03.2024.
7. Representation of Sri D.Bapiraju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal and now retired dt.12.03.2024.

ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government that based on the Adverse news items published in Sakshi, Eenadu and Andhra Jyothi on 08-11-2015 with captions "Registration Kaakundane online, "Maro digital Maya, and "Mayajalam" respectively and upon the preliminary report of the RDO, Vizianagaram, the Collector, Vizianagaram has issued the following article of charges against Sri D.Bapi Raju, Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal, vide his proceedings dt:28.11.2015 and obtained WSD of the charged Officer.

Article of Charge:

Sri D.Bapi Raju, Tahsildar, Gantyada has reportedly colluded with farmers of Narava Village of Gantyada Mandal for illegal gratification and by taking cooperation with his supporting staff, incorporated changes in the following survey numbers of Narava Village in Webland, mentioning the proceedings Rc.No.1927/2014/KRRC, dt.28.07.2015 for Sy.No.10-8 and Proceedings Rc.No.1927/2014/KRRC,dt.06.04.2015 of the Joint Collector, Vizianagaram for Sy.Nos.75-1,3,5,6,7 & 8 of Narava Village, though the above survey numbers have not been covered in the proceedings issued by the Joint Collector, Vizianagaram. The records say that the Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal with the support of his subordinate staf have changed the names of the farmers in the webland which were actually in the names of Sunkari Satyavathi W/o. Late Krishna, Varapula Laxmamma W/o. Applala Swamy, Bonu Krishna S / o Survyanarayana, Yerubothula Atchanna S/o Sanyasi and Yerubothula Janakamma W/o. Akku Naidu were mutated in favour of Sunkari Appayamma W/o Appalaswamy and Yerubothu Ramulu S/o Podugu Chinnayya as shown below. The details may kindly be perused at Tabular form under para-6 above. Due to the mischief tendency and cheating attitude of Sri D.Bapiraju, Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal the prestige of Revenue Administration has been damaged and adverse news item have been appeared in all local news magazines. Sri D.Bapiraju, Tahsildar, Gantyada has neglected his legitimate duties and cheated the Government by violating the Rule 3 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. Hence the charge.

2. Subsequently, the District Collector, vide his letter dt:03.01.2019 has forwarded AoCs and the WSD of the CO to the CCLA, since the CCLA is the disciplinary authority in the cadre of Tahsildars. The CCLA vide his procds dt:02.05.2019 & 30.10.2019, appointed the Project Director, CMRO O/o CCLA, A.P., Vijayawada as the Inquiry Officer and Administrative Officer, O/o RDO, Vizianagaram Division as the Presenting Officer in this matter. The Inquiry Officer, vide his letter dt:02.11.2021 has submitted his enquiry report and requested to take further action in this matter. Vide his ref dt:02.12.2021, the CCLA has communicated the Inquiry Officer's report to the CO, with a direction to submit further explanation if any. In reply, the CO, Sri D.Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal, Vizianagaram District has submitted his explanation. At this juncture, the CCLA has submitted the proposals to the Government for taking further action against Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal, who retired on 30.04.2020, under Rule 9 of A.P., Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

3. After examining the entire issue in detail, Government observed that the Inquiry Officer in his report have not specifically mentioned whether the charge framed against the CO Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, held proved or not and the CCLA has communicated the enquiry report to the Charged Officer without following the scheme of Vigilance. Therefore, the enquiry report has been reverted back to the Enquiry officer i.e., PD, CMRO for proper submission of Enquiry Report as per the scheme of Vigilance. In reply, the CCLA vide reference 3rd cited has furnished the findings of the enquiry officer and held that charges are proved against the Charged officer. After examining the findings of the Inquiry officer, Government have accepted the same and a copy of the Inquiry report was communicated to the Charged officer for submission of his explanation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry officer under rule 21(2) of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 r/w rule 9 of A.P.R.P.Rules, 1980 vide reference 4th cited. In reply, Sri D.Bapiraju, Tahsildar (Retd) has submitted his explanation vide

reference 7th cited reiterating his earlier contentions and requested to drop the charge levelled against him without any penalty.

4. Government after careful examination of the matter, have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 25% of monthly pension permanently" against Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal (now retired) and directed to show cause as to why the proposed penalty should not be imposed on him in this matter within a period of ten (10) days vide reference 6th cited. In reply, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation dt:12.03.2024 reiterating his earlier contentions and requested to drop the charge levelled against him without any penalty.

5. Government have examined the matter and decided to confirm the provisional decision i.e. "withholding of 25% of monthly pension permanently" against Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal (now retired) as he has not put forth any new grounds for consideration.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 25% of monthly pension permanently" against Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal, Vizianagaram District. (now retired).

7. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri is therefore requested to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R P SISODIA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To,
Sri D. Bapi Raju, former Tahsildar, Gantyada Mandal (now retired) through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP, Mangalagiri
Copy to:
The District Collector, Vizianagaram
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